

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application, with each of Claims 1-5 being independent claims. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Pinard (U.S. Patent 5,898,432) in view of Horowitz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,866).

Please amend Claim 1-5 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

Each of amended Claim 1-3 recites that the alteration of the state indicator corresponds to the current state change, amended Claim 4 recites that the alteration of the state indicator corresponds to the message arrival, and amended Claim 5 recites that the alteration of the state indicator corresponds to the alarm set. It is respectfully submitted that neither Pinard nor Horowitz, either alone or in combination, teaches or discloses these features.

Accordingly, it is believed that all claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-5. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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